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1. QUINTON HALLETT OF SMITHSONIAN INTERNATIONAL TRAVELING EXHIBITION SERVICE (SITES) HAS INFORMED DEPT OF MARCH 1 MEETING WITH BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR POPOV AND CULTURAL ATTACHE VELICHKOV ON VARIOUS BULGARIAN EXHIBITS PLANNED FOR SHOWING IN U.S.:
 2. THRACIAN TREASURES: POPOV IS RETURNING TO SOFIA IN MID-MARCH FOR A MONTH, AND WAS ANXIOUS TO KNOW STATUS OF SITES' EFFORTS TO PLACE THRACIAN EXHIBIT AT METROPOLITAN MUSEUM AND NATIONAL GALLERY, AMONG OTHER MAJOR MUSEUMS. (PRIOR TO MEETING, BULGARIAN EMBASSY DELIVERED AMPLE SUPPLY OF CATALOGS IN ENGLISH AND PRESS PACKAGE WHICH WERE OBTAINED FROM BULGARIAN EMBASSY LONDON). ARMED WITH THIS NEW MATERIAL, HALLETT SAID SITES WOULD AGAIN APPROACH METROPOLITAN AND NATIONAL GALLERY, ALTHOUGH NOT OPTIMISTIC
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THAT EITHER WILL BE ABLE ACCEPT THRACIAN EXHIBIT DURING

TIME IT AVAILABLE FOR U.S. TOUR. POPOV IMPLIED THAT IF THESE TWO MUSEUMS COULD NOT ACCEPT, THEN U.S. TOUR WOULD MOST LIKELY HAVE TO BE POSTPONED. SITES HOPES TO HAVE ANSWERS FROM BOTH MUSEUMS PRIOR TO POPOV'S DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON.

3. 1,000 YEARS OF BULGARIAN ICONS: POPOV MENTIONED THIS EXHIBIT IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE SHOWINGS OF RARE BULGARIAN MANUSCRIPTS AND ETHNOGRAPHIC EXHIBIT. SITES HAD ALREADY COMPLETED STAFF REVIEW OF ICON EXHIBIT FROM INFORMATION IN CATALOG SUPPLIED BY EMBASSY SOFIA, AND HAD DECIDED NOT RPT NOT HANDLE THIS SHOW. DECISION BASED ON DIFFICULTY SITES ENCOUNTERED IN PLACING SIMILAR EXHIBITION OF FINNISH ICONS, AND MONUMENTAL PROBLEMS IN PAST IN HANDLING AND SHIPPING FRAGILE WOOD ICONS WHICH ARE HIGHLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO DAMAGE AND DISFIGUREMENT FROM CLIMATIC CHANGES. IF BULGARIANS STILL WISH TO PROMOTE THIS EXHIBIT, HALLETT SUGGESTED THEY APPROACH ANNE-MARIE POPE, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS FOUNDATION IN WASHINGTON FOR POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS. (MRS. POPE FOUNDED SITES AND IS HIGHLY QUALIFIED IN FIELD.) ALTERNATIVELY, TO AVOID RISKS IN CONNECTION SUCH AN EXHIBIT, HALLET ADVISED BULGARIANS TO CONSIDER SINGLE SHOWING AT ONE MUSEUM WITH EXPERIENCED CURATORIAL STAFF.

4. EXHIBITS OF RARE MANUSCRIPTS AND ETHNOGRAPHY: WHILE UNAWARE OF CONTENTS OF THESE TWO EXHIBITS, SITES NOT INTERESTED IN ARRANGING SHOWINGS IN U.S. HOWEVER, HALLETT SUGGESTED THAT CLAREMONT COLLEGES IN CALIFORNIA AND PIERPONT MORGAN LIBRARY IN NEW YORK, BOTH OF WHICH HAVE LARGE MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS, MIGHT BE APPROACHED.

5. COMMENT: SITES WILL INDEED MAKE CONCERTED EFFORT TO PLACE THRACIAN EXHIBIT, BUT GIVEN PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED SO FAR, AND WEAK FOLLOW-THROUGH BY BULGARIAN COLLABORATORS, SITES OBVIOUSLY RELUCTANT TO GO DOWN THIS ROAD AGAIN SOON FOR OTHER EXHIBITS WHICH BULGARIANS HAVE IN MIND. KISSINGER

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